of full pension benefits immediately after full recovery of the commuted amount?

The MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The commutation value of pension is calculated on the basis of a Table of Values prescribed under the Central Civil Services (Commutation of Pension) Rules, 1981. Earlier, the commutation was a life-time commitment. Subsequent upon judgement dated 9.12.1986 of Supreme Court, the commuted pension is restored after 15 years of the commutation. It is incorrect to say that the commuted value represents a sum total of 10 years pension. Commutation is optional, and a Government Servant is entitled to commute for a lump sum payment a fraction not exceeding one-third of his pension. The pensioner is free to utilise the commuted portion of pension received by him in any manner he likes.

(c) No such data is centrally maintained by the Central Government.

(d) It has not been considered necessary to make any change in the existing system.

Foreign Tourists

784. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourists who visited India in the last year;

(b) how much foreign exchange was earned from tourism in the last year; and

(c) the foreign tourists data in State-wise visit?

The MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The number of foreigb tourists who visited India and the etimated foreign exchange earned from them during 1995 were 21,23,683 and Rs. 8640.02 crores respectively.

(c) According to the information collected from the paid accommodation units by the State/UT Govts., the estimated foreign tourist visits in 1994 were as follows:

State	Estimated Foreign Tourist Visits
Andhra Pradesh	48720
Assam	350
Bihar	45543
Goa	210191
Gujarat	6001
Haryana	1284
Himachal Pradesh	51824
Jammu & Kashmir	24622
Karnataka	46654
Kerala	224750
Madhya Pradesh	75673
Maharashtra	786921
Manipur	559
Mizoram	577
Nagaland	115
Orissa	510
Punjab	26024
Rajasthan	5309
	436801
Sikkim	7132
Tamil Nadu	496721
Uttar Pradesh	153774
West Pengal	163208
Andaman & Nicobar	3798
Chandigarh	8246
Daman & Diu	3341
Delhi	892007
Lakshdeep	1743
Pondichery	11029

Airspace security systems at airports

785. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether, considering the seriousness of the recent trespassing of

the Indian airspace by AK-26 aircraft for dropping arms and ammunition over Purulia, Government have reviewed the existing airspace security system at the airports to strengthen the system; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

The MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIGHULAM BNABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have appointed a Committee headed by Shri V.K. Jain, Special Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs to suggest measures for preventing misutilisation of the permits for chartered flights. The recommendations of the Committee, as approved by the Government, are being strictly followed.

Increased defence cooperation with USA

786. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the defence cooperation between India and the USA;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

The MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND THE DEPTT. OF DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Government are pursuing a policy of establishing and enhancing cooperation in the defence sector with various countries, including the USA. During the visit of US Defence Secretary to India in January, 1995 an 'Agreed Minute' on defence relations between India and the USA was signed. It provides for civilian-to-civilian interaction, service-to-service cooperation, and cooperation in the filed of research and development.

Disturbance by Pak on Borders

787. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan, in its desperate bid to dusrupt the process of normalisation and elections in Jammu and Kashmir, has lately hotted up the borders and Line of Control along that State, by mounting military pressure, violation of borders by way of firing across and pushing in infiltrator-militants;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents that have come to notice of Government during the last four months; and

(c) the number of militants apprehended/killed and details of weapons seized or surrendered and the militant hide-outs smashed?

The MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) AND (B) Unprovoked firing across the line of control (LC) and International Border (IB) by Pakistani troops has been a recurring phenomenon over the years. However during the last four months, there has been an appreciable escalation of firing along the IB in Jammu & Kashmir as compared to same period in 1994/95. There has also been an incident of firing of *rockets* from across the border/LOC in Poonch sector on 26.1.96. Details of firing by Pakistani troops across the border/LOC during the last four months are as under:—

Month	No. of incidents of firing along the Border/LOC
Nov. 1995	227
Dec. 1995	255
Jan. 1996	218
Feb. 1996	200